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WOMEN TEACHING CENTRES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of women teaching centres set up by the Union Government in the Madhya Pradesh for illiterate women;

(b) the total number of women benefited from these centres during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether these centres have succeeded in educating and awakening women in the State;

(d) whether the Government is satisfied with their achievements;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government is contemplating to increase the number of such centres; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (g): According to the information received from the state government, no women teaching centres for illiterate women have been set up in Madhya Pradesh. However, Mahila Padhna Badhna Andolan was implemented by the state government during 2002-05 for the adult illiterate women and 17,17,168 women were made literate under this programme. Further a Vishesh Mahila Padhna Badhna Andolan is also being run through the continuing education centres in which 6,40,596 women have been enrolled.

A project for eradicating residual illiteracy has also been sanctioned in 12 low female literacy districts in the state to cover 7.01 lakh illiterate women in 15-35 age group.

In order to improve the awareness of women, the primers used for imparting literacy contain information on health, hygiene, environment, sanitation etc. In addition, a special primer has been developed in the State which focuses on women`s Rights and related laws and has chapters on Right of work for women, violence against women, law against dowry etc. The women who participated in Andolan were later organized into Self Help Groups.